

# Maple Hill Jr. PawPrint

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## Interviewing and Welcoming Mrs. Obie

By: Mya Battistoni, Sarah Martino, and Brenwyn Poulin, grade 7

The teacher, Mrs. Obie, is a new teacher this year at our school! It is her



first year here and for her, it is a learning year!

She actually applied for a bunch of schools at the same time! But she chose us and we are happy about it!

She is really enjoying Maple Hill! Lots of teachers are helping her out, she finds the kids to be doing their best and working hard.

She loves to see the kids learning and having fun! Originally she didn't set

out to be a teacher, to begin with, she went to college at Saint Rose and was planning to be a physical therapist, and in college, she changed her major three times!

We all know how much she loves Disney! She actually worked for an internship program! According to Mrs. Obie, if she could be any Disney character

she would be Tinkerbell! She loves how Tinkerbell waves her wand around at the beginning of the Disney movies!

One thing she likes to do in her free time is coach cheerleading! She had started it at a very young age and found it to be very fun! She continued with this hobby all the way till the end of college. And after that, she started to coach! She really wants to have cheerleading at our school but due to COVID, we can't have cheerleading.

As a kid, Mrs. Obie didn't like math, but one of her teachers made it click for her. When Mrs. Obie started out teaching, she originally was working with preschoolers then she moved to 7th grade and enjoys it a lot better! Her goal for this year is to build relationships with her students. She wants to make sure they are having a good time and enjoy her class! She gets inspired by kids' growth.

Mrs. Obie has very good organizing skills. She has many strategies to help her throughout the day. She normally uses her planner to help her plan her classes and organize the day. Through a school day, she teaches all her classes in a very neat way. She has all of her slides ready to be shown and showing the students many different things!

Mrs. Obie likes to travel; she has been to; Walt Disney Museum, California, San Francisco, fisherman's Wharf, Jamaica, New Jersey, and Long Beach.

Mrs. Obie is such an amazing teacher and we are proud to have her as a teacher here at the Maple Hill Jr/Sr High School!

## **Change In Seasons: Thoughts and Observations**

by Brenwyn Poulin, grade 7

**The change in the seasons is a great time of year but also a bad time. Here you will read about the weather, sports, how to dress, warm food and drinks.**

### ***The Weather***

The change of season brings a variety of weather! So we must be ready for anything! I must warn you to stay warm! Especially on Valentine's Day!! The newspaper's weather report says that February 14 will be the coldest day next year! Luckily it will only stay that cold for that day! It will be very cold with some snow showers and light lake effect. It will be highs in the teens! But don't worry because July 7th will be the hottest day of 2021! Up to 101 degrees!! On that day, you will be able to beat the cold!

### **How to Dress! (and not to dress)**

Those cold days are coming! And I know some people who wear shorts to school while I'm shivering while the heat is turned up! Here are some yes, no's and maybe's!

**Coat or hoodie** - Yes! Fluffy hoodies and coats are good for blocking out that crisp air!

**Boots or strong sneakers** - Yes! Strong boots keep out that cold wet snow! Strong sneakers might too! Strong sneakers count as waterproof and mountain sneakers. I recommend boots though!

**Leggings and/ or sweatpants** - Yup! Leggings (layered) could keep out the shaky air! Sweatpants keep out cold air too!

**Socks** - YEES! Big fluffy socks are the best to keep the air out! They might make your feet sweaty inside but boy, do they keep the air out, outside.

**Tank-Tops** - NO! You might want to wear a jersey but is it really worth it to have numb arms? No, I didn't think so.

**Shorts** - No!! You might have just bought really expensive shorts but... Is it really worth it to freeze your legs off? Nope!

**Weak Sneakers** - NO! Snow drenching your socks? Not a good feeling to have all day.

**Short socks** - NOPE! Even if you do wear pants the short socks won't help at ALL! Sure your legs might be warm but your feet will be soaked! The snow will drench down! Not a good choice is it?

**Flip-flops** - NOOO! Do I really have to put this here? Yes. Yes, I do. I see people wear flip flops in the winter more than in the summer! Wet, slippery feet on a polished floor  
DO NOT MIX!

**I hope you are smart with your dress choices!**

# Sports

**I know we have sport-enthusiastic people in our school so I made this for them!**

**I get this a lot; Is Basketball a Winter sport?**

Yes, it is because it played inside so really you can always play it. Basketball is an all-time sport!

**Is Hockey an all-time sport?**

Yes and no. There was ice in it so some people think it can only be played in the Winter but really it can be played all time. This includes field hockey on grass.

**Could Football be played all year?**

No. Ever tried playing football in the snow? Not a good mix. Sure you might be quicker than the other team but really? What about freezing when the cold air hits? Nope. Not for me. Sure Football can be played in Fall, Sumer, Spring but I don't think Winter.

**Could Volleyball be played all year?**

Yup! Can be played year-round! You're inside after all right?



## **Foods and Drinks!!!**

I know I feel like some of you are cold in the Winter. I am, who's not?? Here are some foods and drinks that will keep you and your family toasty during cold crisp weather!

**Hot Cocoa** - Yum! I do recommend this! You can get a quick mix or you can go from scratch!

**Warm Soups** - Yup! Any hot soup will warm your family and chase the chills away!

**Stews** - Any stew! I recommend a nice grilled cheese with stews and soups.

**Chili** - spicy or hot it will knock you off your feet!

**Roast** - You might have to put the roast in at noon but by dinner rolls around this will be yummy! I would add rolls or something else to fill your stomach.

**Apple Crumble** - Mostly good with ice cream or sometimes brownies!!!

**Hot Apple Cider** - YUMMMY!!!! This is a favorite of my sister, she loves it. You could add anything to this (if you wanted to) but it is really good just by itself!

**Apple Pie** - This is always good! Yum!

**Seasons Change All The Time! Enjoy! Our Next Seasons Change; Winter to Spring!**



## Artwork

Kanna Kamui from  
"Miss Kobayashi's  
Dragon Maid"

By Kris Campbell,  
grade 7

# Halloween 2020

Everyone was excited about Halloween!! The only question was, "How were we going to celebrate it with Covid-19 in our way?" Well I have a few answers.



1. Have you ever had spooky food? Go on the internet and search for spooky food to make and laugh with your family! You could dress up or stay in your comfy clothes!

2. Watching Halloween movies is another good option! A personal favorite is *The Addams Family*.

3. Walk or drive around (in costumes or comfy clothes) and see all the spooky decorations

4. Load up on candy and have Family Game Night! Don't have games? Make some up!

5. In an event that you can go trick or treating what happens if you don't have a Halloween costume ready? That's ok! Here is an idea for DIY costumes! Just search up:

**DIY Halloween Costumes**

**Out of Candy - Sarah Beauty Corner**

Sarah Martino, grade 7 ~ Halloween-Inspired Anime Drawing

# The Big Game

by Mason Morehouse, grade 7



There were four friends Mason, Dominic, Jack, and Rose. Then they all signed up for basketball. But only Mason, Jack, and Rose made the team, but Dominic didn't make the Maple Hill WildCats. He made a different team for Hudson. So Dominic said he had the better team because Maple Hill had not won the finals. But Hudson had won them many times. The season started and Maple Hill started good, they were 5-3. Hudson was 6-4. The first game they played Hudson/Maple Hill lost, Hudson because Dominic pushed Rose down. Then that's when the fight started because Mason started to yell at Dominic but what they didn't see was that Rose had broken her ankle! But Mason got kicked out of the game. So that's when time ran out and the score was 12-6 Hudson. So the season went by fast because it was the finals. The Maple Hill WildCats were 12-4 and Hudson was 9-7. The finals were tonight Mason and Jack were ready to kick Dominic in basketball. But what they didn't know was that on Hudson they had a super tall guy that was around 5'3. With Mason's shots and Jack's floaters and layups they couldn't beat them hopefully. When they saw Dominic he gave them a dirty look. But Mason and Jack were shocked when they saw Rose in the crowd. She smiled and they smiled back. The game was about to start. The tallest guy on the team Bob jumped for the ball with the tallest guy on there jumped for them, his name was Jonny. Somehow their guy jumped higher than our guy did and they got the ball. So they passed it to Dominic and he shot a three and made it so there off to a good start. So Jack got the ball and passed to Mason and then Jonny covered me and no one was open so he shot a jump back shot and it went in!

The game went fast because it's the 4th quarter and the game is at a tie with 10 seconds to go. Dominic tried to make a two and made it with 3 seconds left. Mason gets the ball, he shoots the ball and hears the buzzer go off. He shot from half court and made it. Everyone jumped on him and lifted him and cheered his name.



THE END

By: Mason Morehouse

# Pandemic Response Writing

7th graders wrote poems and essays about their experiences living through this historic and challenging time.

## Plexiglass

I look through it at the store, I look through at the bank,  
everywhere I go I am forced to look through it,

I feel like i'm in a cage of it,  
I feel sad,

I Want to run, to run far away,  
But I know I will never be able to outrun it,  
It will chase me everywhere I go,

Walls and walls of it everywhere,  
I don't know if it will ever end,

I barely even remember the days without it,  
It is now a part of me,

It's plexiglass.



James Yang, Washington Post

# Corona

Corona, it's here  
It's there, it's everywhere,  
Get your mask and hide.



# Caged

Caged,  
I feel caged,  
I feel trapped,  
Trapped inside this invisible cage,

I feel trapped inside this six feet thick cage,  
The isolation of this cage almost is unbearable,

Now I know how it feels,  
And I don't like it,  
I don't like it at all,  
I hate it,

And I don't want to bear it anymore,  
But I know that I have to,  
That I have to push,  
Push through it,

Until I am lifted from this cage,  
I will have to bear through seeing my friends from six feet apart.



Thank you for taking the time to read these poems.

-Linus, Wilson-Leedy

# Pandemic Experience by Sarah Martino

My pandemic experience was good and bad. I was able to do a lot of new things from this period of time.

At the beginning of this all I was very bored and had no idea what I was going to do with all the free time and not being able to see my friends. After about three months I was able to come up with a list of things to do!

Some things that I did were try some new hobbies! One of the hobbies I enjoyed was art. I mostly did paintings and watercolor painting. Because I enjoyed doing art I would make little packages for my neighbors with my artwork and a note telling them how I am. Lately I have started to sketch anime. And now I have even gotten my own account on an app to show people my art! Another thing that I did with art was every week my Grandma would facetime us and we would paint and talk. I really enjoyed this because I really got to know my Grandma well.

Some other hobbies that I have been doing is biking with my Dad. I really have fun doing that with him! I also enjoy playing the drums and drum set. I have been taking online drum set lessons on Skype. And one of my favorite hobbies is binge watching Netflix!!!

Some things that I did to spread positivity Great word!and laughter to the community was the 518 rainbow. I made a rainbow heart, and put it in our window. I also did chalk a walk and put inspirational quotes on the driveway. I even had a couple people walking take pictures of it! The other thing I did was paint rocks. I put them in the front of the house, they had puns, inspirational quotes and sunsets. Lots of people enjoyed seeing these while they walked by. Someone even said that they have been posting pictures of the rocks on their Facebook account! Awesome!That really made me happy that they enjoyed them so much that they shared it.

My sister and I wanted to do something fun with our dog, so we made her an instagram account! We are trying to make her the next Doug The Pug. She is close to 800 followersWow! right now. Everyday we take photoshoots with her and post them!

A really exciting thing that has happened was that my sister and I got separate rooms! For mostly  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the time in quarantine we were sharing rooms and it got very annoying considering we have been near each other 24/7. So we had our neighbor help us put a wall between our room. Now we both have separate rooms and we really enjoy them! A little space can be a good thing!

I have had a bit of a bad time with the pandemic. The most important one is that lots of people are getting sick. Another bad thing is that I haven't been able to see my friends and family. I really miss seeing my friends, even though I can see them on facetimes, I still miss seeing them in person. I have also been missing seeing my family, some of them I can still see because they understand the technology but others don't so I haven't been able to see them.

Overall I would say that the pandemic was a good experience because it was really nice to relax and have some time off and hang out with my family. On the other hand I don't want people getting sick. But I have had a better time than I thought I would!

# ***Quarantine/Covid-19 Acrostic Poem***

By: Eowyn Mello

**C**ovid is still an issue.

**O**thers are more susceptible to this virus.

**R**emember, this is for people's safety.

**O**pportunities to try new things in quarantine are endless!

**N**o closer than 6 feet away from others.

**A**dapting to different situations.

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**V**irtual school.

**I** can find fun things to do in quarantine, so can you!

**R**estrictions are in place to keep you healthy.

**U** must wear a mask when you go in public!

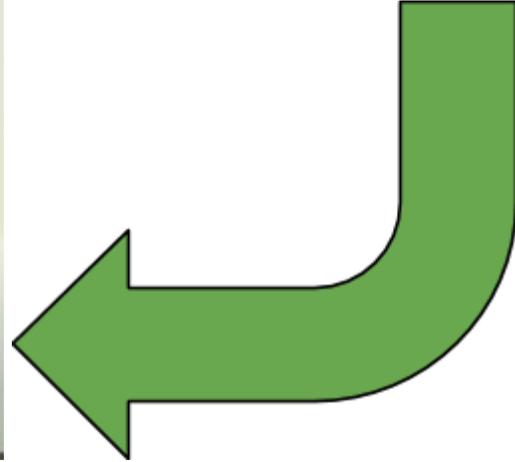
**S**mall reminder of the times we're living in.

## **Pandemic Writing Response: My Activities**

By Veronica Sinnott

This summer I was distraught. I had no idea what to do. I couldn't hang out with my friends or go to summer camp, so instead, I started listening to audiobooks. The one I started with was *Mouse Net*. Now I have probably listened to over 100 audiobooks! First I was on Audible for free; then I switched to overdrive. I have recently liked listening to Percy Jackson books and other Rick Riordan books. I like fictional books, especially ones with magic or mythology. I love audio books because I like to do things while listening to a book. I am a multi-tasker! I play with my Speks or draw while I'm listening. Sometimes I just sit and picture what's going on.

Another thing I have been doing to occupy myself is painting on squishies like this one on the next page.



This is the image of a squishy that a Youtuber did. Her name is Moriah Elizabeth. She got me through the pandemic by posting funny videos and making me laugh. Another way she makes me feel good is by making beautiful art and cute things. (Here is one of my favorites of Moriah's videos: [squishy makeover.](#)) Squishies are made of memory foam and to paint them you need to use fabric paint. I try to customise the squishies that I own. Also I customize my friend's squishies and give them back to my friends. The first thing my friend Sophia did when she saw the squishy was yell, "Oh my gosh you did this?!" At the moment I am doing the two next squishies that I will give to my friends. Here is an image of a squishy I did for myself.



The squishies I paint usually take 2-3 days (if no repairs are required). There are three types of fabric paint you can use puffy paint, matte fabric paint, and slick paint. I just had to be satisfied with watching her videos until Michaels opened.

The pandemic is hard but the best way for me to cope with it all is a couple of craft kits and Moriah Elizabeth as inspiration. Pair that with an audio book you get a great afternoon. This makes me feel unstoppable.

# Before And After The Pandemic

By Thomas McKeown

Before school was fun, now I feel like I'm not learning anything.

Before I could see my friends every day. Now I can't because most of my friends are in school on Tuesday/ Friday.

Before I could sit next to my friends at lunch, now I can only sit 6 feet apart from some of my friends.

Before I didn't have to wear a mask, now I have to wear a mask. I don't see why I have to wear a mask at my desk, but I don't have to wear one at lunch.

Before I could play basketball, now I don't know if there is even going to be a basketball season.

Before I could hangout with my friends after school, now I can't because of Coronavirus.

Before I could go places, now I have to stay home.

Before I could go shopping, now I have to stay home.

All through during Covid I have done a lot of things around the house, I've been building things and doing projects around the house.

I have spent a lot more time with my family during this Pandemic. Mom and Dad and I built a trimmer rack for my garden cart. I built a retaining wall and I put some rock and plants in by my shed. I also put nine more plants in my front mound.

Overall there were some good things that happened in this pandemic and some bad things.



## Castleton Public Library Teen Newsletter November & December 2020



### Build-It Challenge

#### Begins Monday, 11/2

Are you feeling creative? Build an awesome creation using anything you have around the house! Email photos of your creations to [youthservices@castletonpubliclibrary.org](mailto:youthservices@castletonpubliclibrary.org) and you could be one of three winners of a \$10 Amazon gift certificate. The deadline to send your photos is 11/23. We'll post a video showcasing all of the submissions on our YouTube channel on 12/1: <https://tinyurl.com/CPL-YouTube>

### Teen Time: Cocoa & Coloring Kit Available for Pickup from 11/2-11/19

November is the perfect time to drink hot cocoa and relax with some coloring!

6th-12th graders are invited to pick up a Cocoa & Coloring Kit at the library.

For bonus fun: join us for a live virtual session on Thurs., Nov. 19 at 4:00 p.m. where you can sip cocoa, color, and chat. Email [youthservices@castletonpubliclibrary.org](mailto:youthservices@castletonpubliclibrary.org) for Zoom connection.



### Castleton/Schodack Community Window Art Project: Snowflakes!

Kit Available for Pickup at Castleton Public Library from 11/30-2/28

Let's create a community-wide snowflake window art project to enjoy this winter with our neighbors! You can make snowflake window art using materials in our Snowflake Window Art kit, or use what you have at home.

### Teen Time: Touchscreen Gloves

#### Kit Available for Pickup at CPL from 12/7-12/30

Do you want to be able to use your phone while wearing gloves? You can make your own touchscreen gloves! Teens in 6th-12th grades are invited to pick up a Touchscreen Gloves Kit at the library any time from 12/7 through 12/30, then watch the how-to video on our YouTube channel.



### Food Art Challenge Begins Monday, 12/7

Make something fun out of your food! Email photos of your creations to [youthservices@castletonpubliclibrary.org](mailto:youthservices@castletonpubliclibrary.org) and you could be one of three winners of a \$10 Amazon gift certificate. The deadline to send your photos is 12/21.

We'll post a video showcasing all of the submissions on our YouTube channel on 12/30: <https://tinyurl.com/CPL-YouTube>

## Kids Cook: Homemade Butter Video Available 12/15

Impress your friends and family by learning how to make your own butter at home! The video will be added to our Kids Cook playlist on 12/15.  
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL12MTFqzLJavLZqRs8np4w11UMekb83Ep>



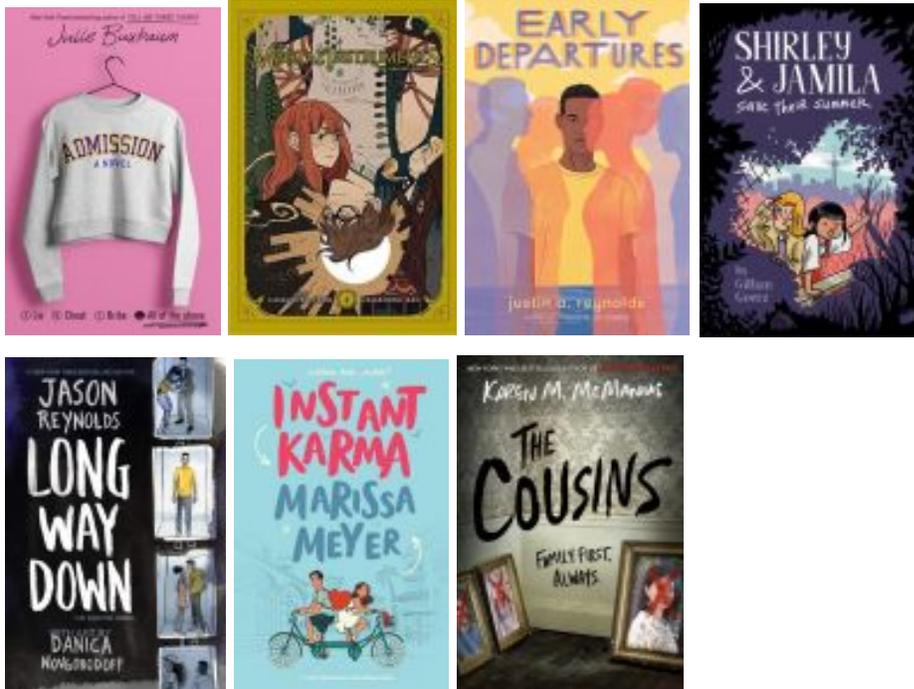
## Online Survey

We want to hear from you! We've created a short survey about our services and events. To give us your feedback, you can complete the survey here: [forms.gle/CuLUBr2QUyYvxT1X7](https://forms.gle/CuLUBr2QUyYvxT1X7)

If you'd rather share your thoughts directly, you can send an email to [youthservices@castletonpubliclibrary.org](mailto:youthservices@castletonpubliclibrary.org). We would love to hear any ideas you have for library programs or services we can offer!



## New Teen Books @ CPL



Library Hours:  
Monday-Wednesday—12:00-8:00 PM  
Thursday-Friday—10:00 AM-6:00 PM  
Saturday—10:00 AM-4:00 PM  
Sunday—Close

# *Lions and Liars by Kate Beasley Book Review*

*by Brenwyn Poulin, grade 7*

*Lions and Liars by Kate Beasley* is a book about a boy named Fred, who drifted off in a boat towards a camp for bad kids.

I think that Kate Beasley really explained Fred's way of thinking. This book explains the way of trust. I don't think Fred knew what he was getting himself into when he came into the camp. He really wanted to start over.

When he goes into a camp he changes his name to "Dashieell Blackwood" and everyone seems to know him and he's a bad kid.

Specs is a boy who hates glasses and Nosebleed is a boy who gets really bad nosebleeds.

Antbite is a small boy who wants to leave the camp and another kid called The Professor is a tall boy who reads a lot. He knows a lot of things.

Kate really brings out the details and certain things about the characters.

The whole question during certain parts of this book is; Are you a Lion or a Flea?

Lions - people want you around them, you are wanted in sports, you are always picked first in teams, people look for you in class/rooms

Fleas - nobody picks you, you sit alone or with alone people, nobody misses you, picked last in teams, nobody remembers them.

This book is filled with adventure and thrill so maybe it's made for you! This is the author's website, so you can look at her books! [Kate Beasley Website](#)



# **Trixie Belden Book Review**

By: Sarah Martino, grade 7

The book *Trixie Belden: The Secret of the Mansion* is a very good book and definitely recommended. It has mystery, adventure and lots of suspense!

The book is about how Trixie thinks she is going to have an incredibly boring summer. That is until she met her new millionaire neighbors that moved in with a kid her age. They find out there is a hidden fortune in a house and a runaway kid hiding in it! They all share adventures together, sharing passions they have and learning new things about each other.

If you decide to give this book a try, then there are 38 more in the series! Here is link to the [Trixie Belden Series Website](#)

In the book the author really makes you imagine the story from all the details. I thought it was well written and an exciting story!



Ask the Librarian

**If you're looking for something good to read, contact Mrs. Squier using her [Ask the Librarian link!](#)**

## **BLACKPINK**

By: Bridget Soden, Editor

BLACKPINK is a South Korean girl group formed by YG Entertainment in 2016. Jisoo, Jennie, Rosé, and Lisa formed the group and debuted in August 2016 with their single album *Square Up*. Songs included "Whistle" and "Boombayah." It was their first number one hit on South Korea's Gaon Digital Chart and *Billboards* World Digital Song Sales chart. "BLACKPINK is the highest-charting female Korean artist on the *Billboard* Hot 100, peaking at number 13 with pre-release single "Ice Cream" featuring Selena Gomez (2020), and on the *Billboard* 200 peaking at number 2 with their album *The Album*."



“BLACKPINK was also the first female Korean act to receive a certification from the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) with their hit single “Ddu-Du Ddu-Du” (2018), whose music video is currently the most-viewed by a Korean group on YouTube. They have the



most top 40 hits in the United Kingdom among all Korean artists, and their 2018 song "Kiss and Make Up" featuring Dua Lipa, was the first-ever song by a Korean group to receive a certification from the British Phonographic Industry (BPI) and be certified platinum by the Australian

Recording Industry Association (ARIA).”

BLACKPINK broke many online records. Music videos “How You Like That” and “Kill This Love” set records for the most viewed music videos in 24 hours. “BLACKPINK is also the most followed girl group on Spotify” and most subscribed music group, female act, Asian Artists, on Youtube.



Many Jr. Pawprint newspaper club members enjoy BLACKPINK as well as other KPOP groups. One member, Brenwyn, has a favorite song “Kill This

Love” and another member, Sarah’s, favorite song is “How You Like That.” Sarah says that she enjoys their music because of their “strong rhythm, catchy songs.”

BLACKPINK also has a Netflix documentary about their lives as artists and early life. If you want to know more about the group, I highly recommend you watch it.

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